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SUBJ: DEPSEC SOUTH ASIA TRIP - TALKS IN INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 4030

1. OUR THINKING ON TOPICS WE WOULD HOPE TO COVER DURING DELHI TALKS NOW RELATIVELY SET AND YOU CAN RESPOND TO TEJA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. WE REGARD TRIP AS TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER PROCESS OF BUILDING MORE REALISTIC INDO-US RELATIONSHIP THROUGH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SENIOR USG OFFICIALS AND INDIAN LEADERS. WE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OF LIKELY MUTUAL INTEREST SUCH AS ATTITUDES TO GLOBAL QUESTIONS, RELATIONS WITH MAJOR POWERS, EMERGING SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, OUR POLICIES TOWARD SOUTH ASIA, AND ALL ASPECTS OF INDIA- US RELATIONS. WE ASSUME TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER/ FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL COVER APPROXIMATELY SAME GROUND, WITH LATTER DISCUSSIONS, OF COURSE, PROBING POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN GREATER DETAIL.

2. WITH REGARD TO SESSION WITH FINANCE MINISTER, BEYOND REAFFIRMING OUR WILLINGNESS NEGOTIATE RUPEE SETTLEMENT, WE ARE INCLINED LEAVE INITIATIVE TO CHAVAN. PRESUME HE MAY
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WISH RAISE MATTERS SUCH AS ROLE OF LDC' S IN THE WORK
OF THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY, UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS, QUESTION OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

AS WELL AS INDO- US BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES (E. G.,
RUPEE PROBLEM, ETC.).

3. DURING APRIL 10 FAREWELL CALL BY AMBASSADOR JHA,
ASST SECY SISCO INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN TALKING ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THE NEW SITUATION IN
SOUTH ASIA AND HOW INDIA AND US VIEWED THESE, BOTH IN
REGIONAL SETTING AND IN BROADER INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT.
HE ADDED THAT WE ALSO HOPED TO BE READY TO FOCUS ON
CONCRETE QUESTIONS, SUCH AS RUPEE PROBLEM FOR WHICH WE
CURRENTLY PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

4. IN APRIL 11 FAREWELL CALL ON DEPSEC RUSH, AMB JHA
NOTED INDIAN PREFERENCE FOR GOOD, GENERAL DISCUSSION IN
DELHI WITHOUT HAVING FIXED AGENDA. THIS IS ALSO OUR
VIEWPOINT. ROGERS

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